

HOUSING FIRST SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

September 24, 2024- 4:00PM

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Housing First Subcommittee of the Commission on Equitable Housing and Development meeting

Call to Order/Roll Call, and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chair Tisha Tallman, statement was read and roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

No Action Taken

Members present: Tisha Tallman, Mindy Bernstein, Mark Clark

Members absent: Wendy Ascher

Members of public present: Victoria

Others Present: Ernesto Portillo, Elaine MacPherson

Approval of the August Minutes – approved as submitted

Housing First Update – Elaine, Supervisor of the Homeless System Improvement with the City reported the following: Updated on the Housing Central Command Initiative, the cross-sector initiative which has helped 82 individuals out of encampments. Local competition for continue of care funds has concluded, so now they have a group of review panelists including TPCH that have lived experience council that are reviewing project applications and several new applicants that want to join the Continuum of Care and are hoping to continue to grow.

Ernesto added that the P-CHIP survey period has ended and their working on the final draft and that the large commission meeting has had two updates and plan to go to City Council sometime in October for final approval. Also, sometime later this year the Amazon Motel will close so the expansion project can get underway which is the Amazon Flats project.

Presentation by Bryan J. Benz, Wholistic Transformation - Changing Hearts, Minds, and Communities – Bryan shared a PowerPoint presentation: Their mission is to focus on long-term efforts that begin to restore broken relationships by training, equipping and empowering people to have hope of a better future. Their focus is to build a community for those aging out of the foster care system (18-21 yrs is their target group). Their property is at Bethyl Community Baptist Church which has 6 lots with 2 vacant to place the houses which the church

has donated that property. They have 7 houses and plan on 12, they consist of shipping containers. They rely on volunteer labor and will have a navigator living on site which is a paid position to help the residents, also to connect with other non-profit organizations for resources that are necessary for the development of the young residents.

-Call to Action

Recommend the right navigator

Volunteer your time and talents

Support financially

Attend open houses (3 in September)

-They have a model home available to tour.

-Bryan opened for any questions.

Call to Audience – one in audience, Victoria had the following question who had audio issues and was put into the chat which Tisha read: “What are the various forms of actions in the model for Housing 1st, like eviction prevention, regulation of FMR, etc. and how can we address the unknown barriers?” Tisha stated that since this was not on the agenda, it will be placed on the next agenda and addressed by Housing 1st-HCD.

Additional Research – the questions from the Call to Audience member Victoria asked will be placed on the next meeting’s agenda as well as an additional one posed which is “How are the City/County processes flowing or creating barriers”.

Next Steps – Full commission meeting is October 3rd.

Agenda items for the October 29th meeting are as follows:

1. Call to audience
2. HCD updates
3. Overview of previous speakers and if we want to revisit any.

Adjournment – 4:46 pm